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JSU football players involved in brawl at Brother's

The incident has lead to probation for players involved; Investigations continue by the NCAA and Athletic Director, Jim Fuller

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Two Jacksonville State University football players were arrested early last Wednesday morning stemming from an alleged bar fight at Brother's Bar in Jacksonville.

The two were released later that morning on bond, which was posted by a coach from the University, according to JSU Athletic Director Jim Fuller. Fuller has not yet named the coach who posted bond.

Signing a bond for a player violates NCAA rules, but the coach claims he was acting as a go-between for the players' parents. Fuller reported the incident to the JSU NCAA Compliance Director, Greg Bonds. From there, Bonds reported it to the NCAA.

"It has gotten blown out of proportion from the stand point of NCAA involvement, because of paying bond," said Fuller. "I know, we know, that it is against the rules to sign a bond for an athlete."

Fuller contends that the NCAA is not the issue of this particular incident. He says the big issue is that two student athletes were in an altercation and arrested – one for driving under the influence and the other for disorderly conduct.

"I have intervened in this matter, which I do not usually do with discipline. I usually leave that up to qualified coaches," said Fuller.

Fuller said that he does not know yet what will happen to the players,

pending his full investigation of the incident, but did say that this was a very serious problem.

He has suspended the players in the meantime and expects his investigation to not take much longer. He did, however, confirm that one of the students had disciplinary problems at another school, but because of privacy reasons could not name the player.

"When things go well it takes this entire department to make that happen,"

Fuller said. "When things fail, as they will at times, that's where I become involved."

Fuller said that his investigation will cover all parties involved, including coaches, players and the individuals who were hurt in the altercation. Two of the bar's bouncers were hurt, but neither received hospitalization for their injuries.

"I want a message to be sent, not to just those who are involved with Jacksonville State

University, but to the students and the coaches, that there are people who happen to read what is in print," said Fuller. "I have more concerns about keeping student athletes out of jail and doing the wrong thing than what are we going to do after the fact."

JSU's NCAA Compliance Director, Greg Bonds, is taking care of and discussing the NCAA and Ohio Valley Conference ends of the sit

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JSU prepares for Up 'Til Dawn fundraiser

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

One of Jacksonville State University's student-run organizations, The Up 'Til Dawn Fundraiser, is gearing up for their annual event that will take place next fall semester. This

ed cancer or with hematologic, immunologic, or genetic diseases.

All treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is provided regardless of the family's ability to pay for services. Some of the research that has been performed at St. Jude's has

(April 11) RAMADI, IRAQ-- Members of Echo Company bow their heads in silence at a memorial service at Combat Outpost in Ramadi, Iraq, Sunday, April 11, 2004. Second Battalion, Fourth Marines Echo Company has lost 12 marines in the last week.

Philadelphia Inquirer/David Swanson

Commander of U.S. forces in Middle East requests more troops for Iraq

By Matthew Schofield & Drew Brown
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

BAGHDAD, Iraq-- The commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East said Monday that he'd requested two more brigades of troops, perhaps as many as 14,000 soldiers, to help quell the worst outbreak of fighting in Iraq

since the American-led occupation began more than a year ago.

Evidence mounted Monday that coalition forces were losing control of the roads in Iraq as another supply convoy was set ablaze and officials announced that nine more Americans were missing.

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said 70 Americans and roughly 700 Iraqis had died since April 1, making the past 12 days the deadliest of the war. The military reported Monday that three Marines near Fallujah and a soldier in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, were killed Sunday, even as a cease-fire in the embattled city generally held.

In an e-mail, a defense con-

tractor who asked not to be named said the situation was getting worse, and that while the coalition controlled pockets within Iraq, the rebels "own the roads."

Gen. John Abizaid, the head of U.S. Central Command, which handles operations in the Middle East, refused to say in a teleconference Monday how many more troops would be

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their annual event that will take place next fall semester. This year, JSU's Up 'Til Dawn event will be lead by co-directors, Angela Martin and Cambrey Jordan.

"The purpose of Up 'Til Dawn is to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital," said Cambrey Jordan, one of the co-directors of the Up 'Til Dawn committee. "The hospital itself is completely run off of donations. Patients and their families are treated and taken care of cost free."

This year, JSU's chapter of Up 'Til Dawn will hold its annual celebration event on November 12, 2004. The celebration event is a time where participants can come together and reflect on the gaiety of their accomplishments.

"Before I came to college, I volunteered at Camp Smile a Mile, which is a camp for child cancer patients," said Jordan. "When I got to Jacksonville and learned about Up 'Til Dawn, it was something I wanted to continue."

St. Jude's Research hospital welcomes referrals of children and adolescents with newly diagnosed untreated or suspect-

been performed at St. Jude's has provided new innovative strategies to treating children with cancer and other catastrophic illnesses.

Danny Thomas, founder of St. Jude's, had a vision to create fundraising groups across the country in support of the research hospital. In 1962, when St. Jude Children's Research Hospital opened its doors for the first time, it was the results of fundraising efforts of hundreds of supporters.

Today, JSU is among more than a million volunteers in communities all over the country that support around 30,000 events that raise funds on behalf of St. Jude. These events range in creativity from telethons, marathons, letter campaigns, and other group efforts.

"Fraternities, Sororities and other organizations have their philanthropies, but the university as a whole doesn't have anything they can unite together and accomplish," said Jordan. "Up 'Til Dawn is something that the campus as a whole can get involved in."

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SGA Academic Affairs battles obstacles and discusses Incorporated Meal Plan

By Olivia Fadul
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"Who wants to be able to use their JSU ID's in the community?" Jessica Bobo, a senior from Tuscaloosa, asked the crowd at an SGA forum meeting on Monday night. Every hand was raised in the TMB auditorium.

The Jax State Cash is an idea that started last year in the senate. Bobo was inspired to pursue and research the Jax State Cash idea, when a group of her friend came to her and said "Wouldn't it be nice if we could pay for everything with our

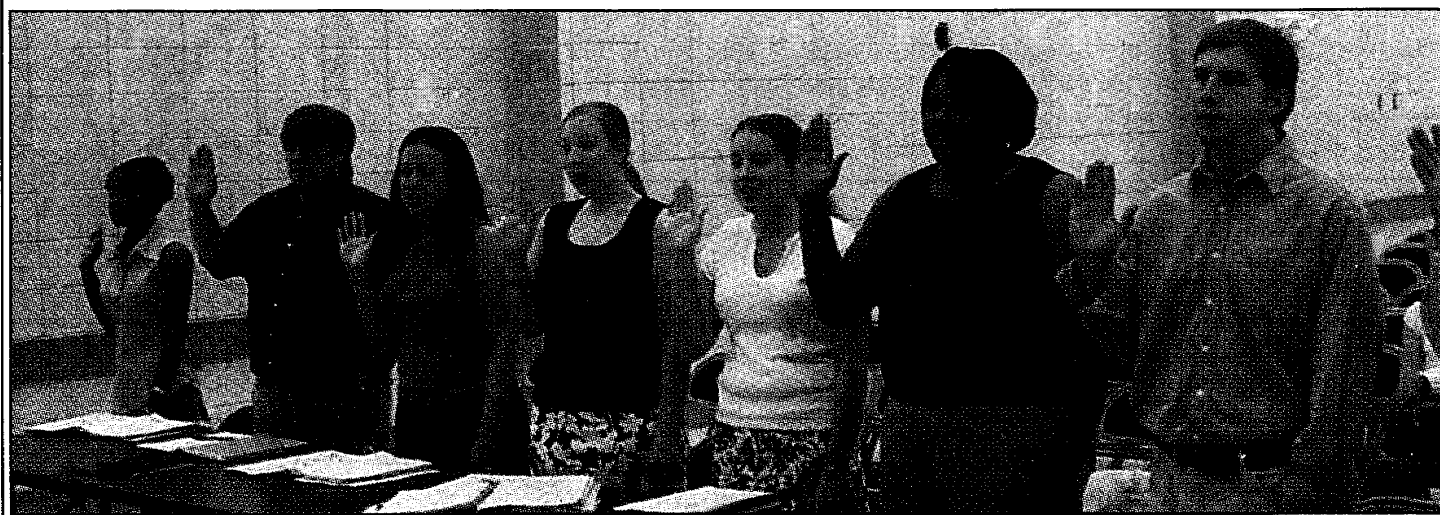
Student ID cards?"

From there Bobo went to work. Bobo and the SGA Academic Affairs committee, which consists of four members Antonio Davis, Amara Chekwa, Adam Goosby, Krystle Bell, and Page Tranthum.

At the open forum, Bobo explained the Incorporated Meal Plan and asked the crowd if they had questions or suggestions to add to the possible meal plan. Bobo stated that if this plan is implemented, it would help the uni-

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SGA senators take the oath of office



Courtesy Student Government Association

On Monday night, JSU's newly elected body of senators took the oath of office. Above (from left to right): Senators Katundra Walton, Ryan Mathis, Laurie Davis, Rachel McCombs, Amanda Tucker, Lyisha Hampton, and Kenny Reighard recite their oath of office to executive members of the SGA.

By the numbers:

Percentage of Americans that single out money as their number one stressor:

73

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Baseball:

April 10 - Eastern Illinois 4, JSU 3
Saturday - vs. Eastern Kentucky 1 p.m.

Softball:

April 10 - Tennessee-Martin 6, JSU 3
Saturday - at Southeast Missouri 1 p.m.

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Colleges' use of Social Security numbers may invite identity theft

By Jennifer Peltz

South Florida Sun-Sentinel (KRT)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—

To identity thieves, a Social Security number can be as good as a front-door key.

Police, prosecutors, privacy advocates and consumer groups warn against carrying the number around, using it as a computer password or letting it be used for record-keeping convenience.

But many college students have had to do some or all of the above. Colleges historically have used the numbers as handy identifiers for stu-

dent ID cards, class registrations online and on paper, class rosters and grade postings, among other purposes.

Some schools have stopped the practice. The University of Central Florida, for instance, started generating its own ID numbers in 2001, spokesman Thomas Evelyn said.

"It's just a conscious measure that our registrar took, knowing that there were some privacy concerns," he said.

Students in other schools are pressing for change, too. In Florida, proposals to curtail colleges' use of student

Social Security numbers are moving in the state Legislature, though many institutions already are taking steps.

"As a student, my priority is my security" — not easy record keeping, said Florida Student Association Chairman Clayton Solomon.

At Florida International University in Miami, professors agreed last fall to use only fragments of Social Security numbers when posting grades, and the university is planning to strip students' Social Security numbers from class rosters, the course-registration sys-

tem and other records this fall.

But for now, Solomon has to type in his number to check his transcript and register for classes on FIU's computerized student-record system. It's protected by technological shields, "but, regardless, it's still online, and it's not a very comfortable feeling," said Solomon, a senior.

Such fears may not seem collegial, but they're not unfounded. A computer hacker made off with 55,000 student, faculty and staff Social Security numbers at the University of Texas last

year. A Central Washington University philosophy professor was sentenced in 2000 to six months in prison for a credit-card scam that stemmed from stealing students' Social Security numbers from campus computers.

Identity-theft complaints have more than doubled nationwide since 2001, according to the Federal Trade Commission. The agency logged 215,000 last year, including 14,000 from Florida.

State Sen. Dave Aronberg, D-West Palm Beach, figures that barring public colleges

and universities from using students' Social Security numbers on easily visible records and nonsecure Web sites "will take away one tool in the arsenal of the identity-theft crooks."

Revamping record keeping for thousands of students isn't inexpensive. A state House committee analysis estimates it could cost \$100,000 to \$250,000 per community college, and the University of Florida estimates it took about \$3.4 million in staff time to switch last year to a system that generates its own numbers to identify students.

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versity, provide more dining options, and help Sodexo Marriot, which is JSU's present cafeteria provider.

Currently, Sodexo provides services for 540 students that have a meal plan. If the incor-

porated meal plan passes, it is expected that 1300 more students will buy the plan.

Also, if implemented, students would be able to use their student identification cards in area restaurants, businesses, and perhaps gas stations.

One day student supporters

hope that with their card, they might even be able to use it in the school bookstore or have roll over dollars.

The Academic Affairs Committee feels that if the Incorporated Meal Plan is implemented, it will help the students.

Bobo who will soon graduate says, "If I was still going to be here, I would want this (incorporated meal plan). I would like my money on my card. If I have cash, I wouldn't want to tote it around long."

Bobo also stated that many area fast food restaurants and JSU's cafeteria do not take checks which is what she uses the majority of times, and that it would be beneficial to have everything on the student ID card.

An important question that was brought up at the meeting was about electronic capabilities. If the Incorporated Meal Plan passes, area restaurants and businesses will have to buy a C-board machine to accommodate the student ID cards.

Brian Snead, the new Director of Publicity wanted to know if any restaurants would

machines if the plan is implemented.

According to the Academic Affairs Committee, if the plan passes and student IDs are used in the community, a percentage of the profit generated from each purchased meal from the card would bring money back to JSU.

Bobo also stated that every university in Alabama has an incorporated meal plan, but JSU. Bobo points out one university, Troy State University, which is smaller than JSU, and says that because their student ID card can be used at Movie Gallery, the school has generated a lot of money and this has enabled them to build a brand new football stadium.

Emily Williams, the newly elected SGA president, asked if the Academic Affairs committee has talked to JSU's housing

fees.

"Sometimes the 'Caf' is packed and this new plan would add more people," said Kenny Reighard, a newly appointed SGA senator.

"When the architect came to JSU, they explained JSU's 25 year plan, which includes a new facility for the Cafeteria. We asked about this," said Bobo. "If there were too many kids in here, they (Sodexo) would stay open longer. They said those are problems they want to have. They are very willing to work with us."

If the Incorporated Meal Plan passes, the SGA Academic Affairs Committee, which in the fall will be headed by new SGA senator and committee head, Antonio Davis, would like people to know that the committee and SGA would like more student input on the plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi: Congrats to our newest Alums and sisters. We love ya'll! We're looking forward to our Red Rose Ball Saturday night! Hope everyone has a safe and fun time! Feelin' Mighty Crazy! **Contact:** emily_rollins@yahoo.com

Alpha Xi Delta: Thanks to our great Greek Week partner, Delta Chi! We had such a great time this week with all of you. Sister of the week is Amy Walker. Have a great week and Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.

Baptist Campus Ministries: Hey Gamecocks! Come and join us every Tuesday night for Celebration at 8:00 p.m., AGAPE lunches held every Wednesday from 11:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. where your first time is absolutely FREE! We also have a Bible Study that meets every Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. Come and join the fun! **Contact:** Garv. 435-7020 or gbrittn@isucc.isu.edu

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Department of Military Science: The Military Science Dept. is seeking students who have 54 hours or more to attend a four-week leadership development course this summer. The course focuses on individual leader development, group dynamics, and adventure training. Travel, meals and lodging are paid and students receive \$770. **Contact:** Captain Shackelford, 782-5601.

JSU Library: Need something scanned? The Houston Cole Library is proud to offer free scanning services on the second floor at the reference desk. Items can be scanned for use in Power Point presentations, Web sites, and much more. Library staff can assist patrons in scanning documents and images to be printed, emailed, or saved to a disk. **Contact:** Houston Cole Library, 782-8034.

JSU Today Show: Watch JSU Today every Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. on TV24. If any communication students would be interested in gaining TV production experience, please contact Stephanie Deese. **Contact:** Stephanie Deese, 782-6187 or stephddeese@aol.com.

JSU ROTC: Two and three-year scholarships that pay full tuition and fees, partial books and a monthly spending allowance of \$300 to \$400 are available through JSU ROTC. Annual \$1000 Alumni Scholarships are also available. The department will hold a scholarship board on April 2. **Contact:** Captain Shackelford, 782-5601.

JSU Ultimate Disc Club: The JSU Ultimate Disc Club would like to invite anyone interested in Ultimate Frisbee to play in our weekly games on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. at the JSU Intramural Fields. Both experienced players and beginners are invited! Visit our Web site at www.jsudisc.com

NAACP: Our organization is hosting our 1st annual "Student Appreciation Day," on the quad April 15, 2004 from 12-4. There will be a volleyball and spades tournament. For the 1st and 2nd place winners of the tournaments there will be prizes given away. Come on out for Food, Fun, and Fellowship. **Contact:** Cory Boler (205)492-2209 or jsu3387@student-mail.jsu.edu.

Tau Sigma Lambda: Good luck to everyone on finals! **Contact:** Jason Hallberg, jmhallberg1@hotmail.com.

Up 'Til Dawn: Up 'Til Dawn is a fundraiser project created to raise money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Up 'Til Dawn is currently accepting applications for the MORALE Team!! We are also looking for Jacksonville State Recruitment team members. Anyone with lots of energy and a smiling face is encouraged to apply! **Contact:** Angela Martin or Cambrey Jordan, 782-8054.

Zeta Tau Alpha: Great job to everyone during Greek Week. We had a great time working with Sig Ep. Good luck to everyone during finals. Have a great week! **Contact:** Heather Moore, heathern16@hotmail.com

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

CAMPUS CRIME

There were no crime incidents reported by JSUPD this week.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

Director of Publicity wanted to know if any restaurants would buy those machines. Krystle Bell, a member of the Academic Affairs Committee and new SGA senator, replied with a "Yes," because of the committee's research concerning those issues.

Bobo says that she has gone out to many area restaurants before and has told them that if this plan passes that there would be a guaranteed flow of 1300 students coming to their restaurants to use the money on their cards.

She also stated that area restaurants were pleased with this news and said that they support purchasing the

the Academic Affairs committee has talked to JSU's housing department concerning the Incorporated Meal Plan. Bobo says that they have talked to housing and the Residential Housing Association.

"They were all for it. They had several questions. That is why we are having this (meeting) is to find out what is wrong with it (the plan) so we can fix it."

According to Bobo, under housing, if implemented, all new incoming students who live in Daugette, Fitzpatrick, Sparkman, and Crow would have to buy the meal plan because it would be included in the price of their residence hall

committee and SGA would like more student input on the plan.

They want to satisfy the students of JSU. The entire SGA and the Academic Affairs Committee desires the opinions and wants of other students.

In the future, the SGA plans to have a future online email poll or a JSU actual voting poll asking a "Yes" or "No" question on whether students would support the Incorporated Meal Plan.

"If the student body approves the incorporated meal plan, it would go to vote in the SGA senate and then to the Faculty senate and then the Board of Trustees" said Bobo.

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Troops (from page 1): restoring order

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needed in Iraq or how long they would stay. He said he was requesting "a strong, mobile combat-arms capability" of "two brigades' worth of combat power, if not more." A mechanized combat brigade generally numbers anywhere from 5,000 to 7,000 troops.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the two additional brigades would come from fresh units in the United States or forces already in Iraq and Kuwait but scheduled to come home, senior defense officials said. Abizaid said he was working out the details of the request with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and he refused to say which units were under consideration.

Seven American contract workers and two American soldiers were missing after their convoy came under attack Friday. Seven Chinese were released Monday after a day of captivity followed

their entry into the country from Jordan. Three Japanese hostages captured Thursday weren't released, contrary to Japanese news report Sunday, and their fate remained uncertain throughout the day.

The latest kidnappings raised to more than 40 the people taken in the past week, from 12 countries.

Contractor Kellogg, Brown & Root, a Halliburton subsidiary, confirmed that seven of its employees were missing, including Thomas Hamill, 42, who's known to be kidnapped. The company said it was continuing to send several hundred employees a week to Kuwait and Iraq.

Also on Monday, an Iraqi police car in Baqouba hit a homemade bomb. An internal coalition security memo noted that an Apache helicopter shot down Sunday was the seventh aircraft shot down or sustaining "effective small-arms fire in the last four days," including

five in Baghdad. Eight convoy trucks have been destroyed since Sunday in the capital on the road to Baghdad International Airport.

Kimmitt noted that the situation in Iraq wasn't "business as usual." "There are people out there taking hostages, kidnapping people," he said.

"But we are restoring a tremendous amount of order."

He added that the number of coalition engagements with the enemy last week was two or three times above normal and the coalition was concerned over the enemy's ability to strike convoys.

Still, President Bush said in a news conference in Texas that the situation in Iraq was improving, "after a bad week."

"There are people out there taking hostages, kidnapping, people. But, we are restoring a tremendous amount of order."

• U.S. Army Brig. General Mark Kimmitt

The cease-fire in Fallujah, the site of much of the most intense fighting last week, seemed to hold for a third day. The Marines added another battalion of infantry Sunday, and Monday there were 2,000 Marines in and around the city, taking occasional drive-by fire.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the commander of American forces in Iraq, said in the teleconference that U.S. forces had retaken Kut and Nasiriyah in southern Iraq. He acknowledged that Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada al Sadr's militia still controlled Najaf and parts of Karbala — both Shiite spiritual centers — though he said coalition forces had cordoned off both cities in preparation for mov-

ing against Sadr, who is believed to be in Najaf.

"The mission of the U.S. forces is to kill or capture Muqtada al Sadr. That's our mission," he said.

Some police in Najaf and Karbala returned to work Monday, after Sadr apparently ordered his followers to withdraw from government buildings in those cities.

Abizaid acknowledged that some American-trained Iraqi security forces had defected during the weeklong uprising and others had refused to fight.

"These numbers are not large but they are troubling to us, and clearly we've got to work on the Iraqi security forces," he said.

With less than three months to go before the scheduled June 30 transfer of sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government, the poor showing of Iraqi forces calls into question how well they will be prepared to handle security after the hand-over and how long a large U.S. pres-

ence in Iraq will be needed.

Coalition Provisional Authority Spokesman Dan Senor praised the work of the Iraqi Governing Council in recent days, specifically for asserting itself and negotiating for a cease-fire in Fallujah. He said its actions were even more important in this difficult period.

Senor said militia groups such as Sadr's Mahdi Army were using "mob violence" before the June 30 return of sovereignty date to try to shape Iraq's political future.

"It is critical that we confront them now rather than after June 30th," he said. "It is critical that we cleanse the body politic of the poison that remains here after 35 years of Saddam Hussein's totalitarian rule."

(Schofield reported from Baghdad, Brown from Washington. Patrick Peterson in Camp Fallujah, Iraq, and Seth Borenstein in Washington contributed to this report.)

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This year's Up 'Til Dawn event promises to be more exciting, more energetic and with lots of bands and entertainment, according to Up 'Til Dawn co-directors.

According to Jordan, participation in Up 'Til Dawn does not require a huge

commitment on the part of a group or individual.

"Each team will consist of seven members that are committed to raising \$750," said Jordan. "It's really not a lot of commitment, because it just a little over \$100 per person."

JSU's Up 'Til Dawn chapter also provides fundraising ideas for the groups. Some

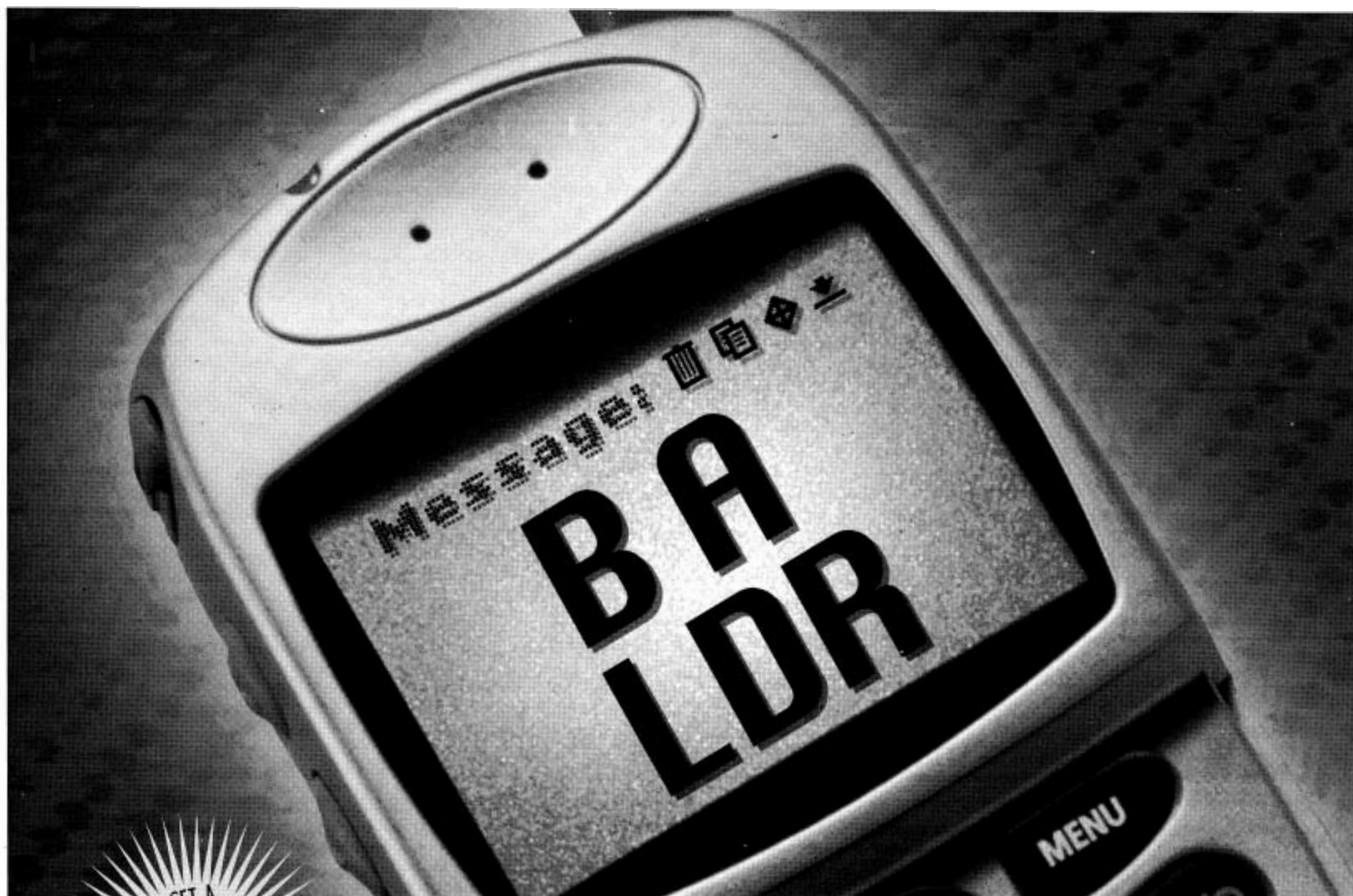
suggestions include collecting donations from businesses, starting a letter-writing campaign to family and friends or holding traditional fundraising type activities.

"It's a good cause to get involved in," said Jordan. "We encourage individuals to get involved and get together a team."

The celebration event will be held on November 12, 2004 in Stephenson Hall Gym. The Up 'Til Dawn committee encourages students, staff and local businesses to form fundraising groups and help a worthy cause.

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OPINION

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IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**"What stresses
you out?"**

— Compiled by
Erin Chupp
Photo Editor



Allison Burkhalter
Elementary Education
Sophomore

"A long distance relationship."



Jermiria Darden
Secondary Education
Sophomore

*"When underage kids ask me to
buy alcohol for them."*

Gas expense, little kids and internships - oh my!

Tomorrow is National Stress Awareness Day and to celebrate I've decided to make myself more aware of what really does stress me out in my everyday life. Typical things like paying all of my own bills, having three jobs and going to school aren't what make me pull my hair out. It's small parts of these three things that make me want to scream.

Paying my own bills is no problem. In fact, it gives me a sense of independence. But recently, one of my bills in particular has taken quite a jump — my gas bill. No, not the smelly gas that heats my house, but the gas that keeps my 2001 XTerra on the road. Sure, I do drive a gas-guzzling, road-hogging, environmentally-hazardous SUV, but I love it. I need the space for all my gymnastics equipment, and I look cool driving it. And I think that I have a right to complain about gas prices because I'm one of Chevron's best customers.

The mucho amounts of money I spend on gas comes from the three paychecks I get a month. Not only do I run The Chanticleer show, but I also freelance for a monthly feature publication and I teach gymnastics at a gym in Anniston. Don't get me wrong, I love my job as a professional gymnastics

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer
Editor in Chief



teacher, but sometimes the stress that comes with teaching children under the age of five at 8:15 in the morning is just too much. You would think that

birth control pills are the best form of contraceptive, but I truly believe having authority over nine to 12 children that are not yours for 30 minutes or more is really the secret to not getting pregnant. I wonder if some of the children's parents have ever heard of discipline, or ADHD

After a stressful morning of teaching unruly children, my worries over my summer internship begin. No class has ever made me think about quitting school, but just the thought of having a steady nine-to-five job every day, while the sun is brightly shining and my friends are all at the pool, makes me want to quit before I graduate. It's not really the work I'll be doing at the monthly feature magazine that I'm worried about. It's that I am going to be watching my favorite season of the year pass by through the window of an office.

So if you ever find yourself so stressed out that you "get so depressed that you lie down and beg the earth to swallow you up or, even worse, become addicted to Billy Joel songs," as one of my fave books "The Blue Day Book" says, take a break and let yourself relax. Enjoy National Stress Awareness Day by not stressing out.



An over-worked nation is making itself sick

By Megan Matthews
The Seattle Times/NEXT

It's 2 a.m. and I am sitting in front of my computer. Not by choice. I have my body to thank. It doesn't stop working overtime at night now, a

billion dollars annually, according to the American Booksellers Association, as readers snap up books promising the ultimate cure to their mental woes. We pump billions of dollars into the economy for our

during the year.

In fact, this hyper-accelerated lifestyle feels normal to young adults. In college, I constantly tell myself I can handle more: that one more internship or class will challenge me and pad my

pill - Americans represent only 5 percent of the world's population but consume one-third of its anxiety drugs.

But for most of us, Prozac and other drugs are a short-term, even unrealistic effort to solve a problem that is

whether through yoga, visiting friends or doing nothing at all.

Most important, we need to learn to say no before we accept more obligations.

Since my diagnosis, I have started to slow down and to



Derek Gindlesperger
Music
Freshman

"Car wrecks, because I almost died this weekend in one."



Cody Grimes
History
Freshman

"People who assume I'm ignorant because I'm from Piedmont."



Laura Oleska
General Music
Freshman

"All the homework they pile up before finals."

thank. It doesn't stop working overtime at night now, a recent issue that has arisen thanks largely to an overly stressful lifestyle.

Stress never felt like a big deal to me. The fact that National Stress Awareness Day is Friday, immediately after tax day, unwittingly implies that Americans take their stress tongue-in-cheek.

After all, anxiety is the American lifestyle. It helps us get ahead, stay on top, win the rat race.

But stress is also a national crisis, and it's making us sick.

Ironically, as stress plagues our lives, it also fuels a thriving industry. Each year, Americans spend more than \$9.4 billion, more than the annual GDP of Rwanda, as they search for relief, from sitting in psychiatry offices to breathing aromatic oils that claim to offer release from the daily grind.

The self-help industry alone generates over half a

We pump billions of dollars into the economy for our national malady, but stress is an integral thread in the American fabric. It finds roots in our long hours and activity-packed schedules as the world's pace accelerates.

In 1999, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health reported that the average citizen works 8 percent more hours than his or her counterpart of a generation ago, even as corporate downsizing and sluggish economic forecasts cause workers to fear for their careers.

Like older workers, young people are very prone to stress. Many of us are over-achievers, succumbing to rampant social pressure that tells us we are not achieving our full potential unless we spend every waking hour doing something.

It is not uncommon for students to take advanced classes, hold down a part-time job, participate in multiple sports and chair a club or two

internship or class will challenge me and pad my resume.

Unfortunately, those extra short-term activities may have wreaked long-term havoc on my health. My recent scare with a major thyroid dysfunction cannot be blamed on a specific cause. But doctors say stress could be a factor, given my propensity for trying to be a real-life superwoman.

I'm not the only one dealing with the long-term consequences of our crazed American lifestyles. Stress has been linked to an array of afflictions, from digestive problems and insomnia to hypertension and heart disease.

Worse still, we almost never talk honestly about its role in our lives, even though the National Institutes of Mental Health estimates that stress causes ongoing problems for one of every 10 Americans.

Currently, most people deal with stress by popping a

term, even unrealistic effort to solve a problem that is endemic to our lifestyles. We should not be depending on drugs to manage our lives.

We need to take our lives back by changing our culture's pace.

Let's start with demanding more humane work-week hours, like many Europeans have. We should be working 30-35 hours per week, without losing our medical and retirement benefits.

People should not feel forced to work 45-60 hours a week, or to have a second job, just to keep food on the plate. Further, a reduction in stress could benefit the workplace by keeping employees healthier.

Efforts to alleviate stress must begin in youth.

Students need reassurance that their careers do not depend upon the number of activities they cram into eight years of school. A few extra hours of personal time could teach them how to manage personal stress,

Since my diagnosis, I have started to slow down and to re-evaluate what matters in my life. It has been extremely difficult. I'm so used to running at a breakneck pace that I feel guilty reading a book for fun.

Still, I am trying. I have even considered cutting back on personal expenses to avoid having to work full-time after graduation. After all, when we grow up, what matters more: the quality of our health and relationships, or the high salaries we rake in working 50-hour weeks?

We need to make questions like that part of our lives, before our lives become their own source of stress.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In the rising criticism of President Bush and the "neo-cons" for taking us into the war in Iraq with its nearly 600 dead and 3,500 wounded, one subject is always overlooked.

When 27-year CIA veteran analyst Ray McGovern was on Joy Cardin's

Wisconsin Public Radio program in July 2003, among many interesting things he had to say was that Israel was the only country that had benefited from the carnage.

Some of the things he had reference to were the following:

1. Israel was given an outright grant of one billion

dollars in addition to eight billion dollars in loan guarantees to stay out of the war.

2. Israel has been able to substantially cut its defense spending because Iran and Syria pose much less of a threat than Iraq ever did now that it has been neutralized.

3. Not one drop of Israeli blood has been shed in the

war hatched by President Bush and his neo-conservative "graduates" of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA).

In 1948, Americans could go in peace anywhere in the Muslim world. Today the opposite is true - courtesy of America's being a lackey of the State of Israel.

Retired South Dakota

Senator James Abourezk was certainly right when he once made the observation that "calling Israel an ally is like thanking the arsonist for helping put out the fire."

William Gartland

Rio, Wis.

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Courtesy Jan Rhodes

Above, Jason Skinner as Neville Strange and Tracey Gamble as Thomas Royde in *Towards Zero*, by playwrights Agatha Christie and Gerald Verne. *Towards Zero* is opening tonight in the Ernest Stone Theatre at 7 p.m.

Right, Heather Norton as Audrey Strange, Lora Roberts as Kay Strange and Jason Skinner on a scene from *Towards Zero*. The play is directed by drama senior Chris West and it will run throughout the coming weekend. Performance dates are April 15, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. and April 18 at 2 p.m..



JSU Drama goes 'Towards Zero'

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

There has been a murder and the suspect is in the house. How will you find out who did it? Can you guess? This is what happens in a new play opening tonight at the Ernest Stone Theatre as the Jacksonville State University Drama Department and the honorary drama fraternity Alpha Psi Omega will present *Towards Zero*, a play by Agatha Christie and Gerald Verne.

Inspector Leach when I worked in Vermont couple of years ago in Dorset Theatre festival. *Mouse Trap* is another one of Agatha Christies plays, that is probably the most popular play she has, but I didn't like the ending of it and then I thought about this one," said Chris West, drama senior and the director of the play. "I love the structure of this play and I thought why not. So I went ahead and proposed this one and the faculty accepted my proposal."

party at her home on the coast of Cornwall. She invites Kay and Neville Strange played by Lora Roberts and Jason Skinner, Audrey Stange who is Neville's ex-wife, played by Heather Norton and Mary Aldin, who is Lady Tressilian's secretary and is played by Amy Mitchell, to her party. Then someone is discovered murdered and the murderer is among these people. Who could have done it?

"I'm very happy with the way things have turned out. It is going to be an awesome show

last five minutes of the play who actually did the murder," according to West. The show will be run by students only, everything from costume design to stage management and all the funds raised will go towards the Alpha Psi Omega Scholarship fund.

"People should go and see this show, because there is just not enough theatre in this area, or artistic endeavours around here at all. I think JSU is one of the few outlets this area has for something truly artistic and that is something we really need to

Towards Zero will run from April 15 until 17 at 7 p.m. and on April 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$4 for students and military. For more information call 782-5648. Paid reservations are recommended.

"This is definitely something you have to use your brain with, you can't just sit back and watch," according to Heather Norton who will be playing Audrey Strange. "The whole time you think you have figured it out, who did it, and then you change your mind. It kind of

Stop stressing out and take a minute

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



I couldn't be more stressed out and yet happier for this semester coming to its end. It has been a long semester and everything seems to pile up during these last few weeks; research papers, final essays, exams and so on. It is hard to keep up with everything and still do a good job, and even harder to keep myself functioning without going crazy at some point.

But here I am writing yet another column, my second to last. I missed the Miss USA pageant Monday night, as well as Nick & Jessica Variety show on ABC Sunday night, although I heard that there wasn't a lot to be missed. But if you ask me, Nick and Jessica should just stick to their Newlyweds show, and leave it to that, since we all know that even Sonny and Cher didn't make it in the end; it seems like it is bad luck to me.

And then there was the Miss USA competition. Even though I didn't see who won the pageant I was able to see

Zero, a play by Agatha Christie and Gerald Verne.

"I love Agatha Christie. I've read just about all her books, but this particular show I played

and the faculty accepted my proposal."

The basic story starts when Lady Tressilian, played by Ashley McDonald, is giving a

"I'm very happy with the way things have turned out. It is going to be an awesome show. They (audience) are never going to know until literally the

few outlets this area has for something truly artistic and that is something we really need to propagate here more, artistry and art in general," said West.

time you think you have figured it out, who did it, and then you change your mind. It kind of keeps you on your toes the whole time."

USA competition. Even though I didn't see who won the pageant, I was able to see glimpses of the swimsuit part of the competition. Because I'm not on any kind of diet, and these girls seemed pretty much close to perfection, I chose to change the channel to keep myself from feeling bad, because any little extra stress should be eliminated close to nothing.

Why is it that we burden ourselves with so many things, that we even feel stressed out in the first place? I know I am not the only one at JSU who feels like pulling her hair all night, because there are so many things to be done. Aren't we too young for this? Isn't stress usually associated with people who work full-time, not with students who should be having the time of their lives?

School is stressful, especially if you take it seriously. This is the groundwork for our future careers, when we learn everything we can before stepping out into the real world. But should life be so serious? Are all the mistakes we make as devastating as we think they are? Are our whole lives going to be based on that one exam we didn't really study for? As I keep stressing myself out, and the keyword is myself, I have also started to realize how unnecessary all this worrying is.

My advice to all students who are losing their minds trying to concentrate while reading American history or studying the secrets of math, to put those books aside for a minute and take a deep breath. Life is really not that serious in the end and it shouldn't be taken so seriously. You can afford a minute aside from your book or maybe even 30 minutes of the 70's Show. Your body and mind should be the priority and only after the finals and other thoughts in your mind. I hope you all are taking care of yourselves and I would like to wish good luck for the coming finals. Don't stress out.

Goodbye Chandler

Matthew Perry talks about life after "Friends"

By Joe Neumaier
New York Daily News (KRT)

Matthew Perry says he had to fight back the tears when it came time to say goodbye to wisecracking Chandler Bing. "I didn't cry, but I felt like I was about to for like seven hours," the 34-year-old "Friends" star said in an interview.

"There was a sweet moment where my girlfriend (fashion student Rachel Dunn) and I went for a walk on the stage. No one was there. We just held hands and walked around. It was sweet."

Perry, and the rest of the cast, knew what they were leaving behind when TV's No. 1 comedy taped its concluding episode, set to air May 6, several weeks

ago.

"None of us will probably be involved in anything as successful as 'Friends' again," he said. "That's something we just have to deal with."

"We can have big successful movies, but nothing will ever be that first time again, and nothing will likely span that long a period of time. So we look back, and kind of smile, and move on."

For Perry, moving on starts Friday with "The Whole Ten Yards," the sequel to "The Whole Nine Yards," playing hapless dentist Nicholas (Oz) Oseransky, who has to recruit his former neighbor, Jimmy the Tulip (Bruce Willis), and Jimmy's wife/fellow assassin, Jill (Amanda Peet), to rescue

Oz's kidnapped wife.

"It's tough to have a movie-star persona when you're on a show as successful as 'Friends,'" Perry says. "There was talk the first few years about a curse for us movie-wise. But I don't think any of us will crash and burn now. I think we were very fortunate."

"If I never work again, that's not crashing and burning, that's called already making your mark. And, without the safety net of the show to go back to, I guess we'll all be a little more careful picking movies!"

Before "The Whole Nine Yards" in 2000, Perry's movies, including "Fools Rush In," "Unsung Heroes" and "Three to Tango," were not successful. In fact, it was while filming



Gemma La Mana/Warner Bros. Pictures

Natasha Henstridge, Matthew Perry and Bruce Willis star in the comedy "The Whole Ten Yards," from Warner Brothers Pictures in theatres now.

2002's "Serving Sara" with Elizabeth Hurley that Perry had a relapse of his addiction to painkillers and wound up in rehab. The actor had spent time at Minnesota's Hazelden clinic in 1997 for a dependency on Vicodin.

The press reported several relapse, along with an unrelat-

ed incident in which he crashed his Porsche into a house in the Hollywood Hills, which he says are over now.

"For me, it was never a question of breaking the law — it was a guy facing his private demons. So I was lucky. People

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The Power of Rock and the 80's

By Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

For those of you out there who read my CD reviews, (and yes I know your name) you will have noticed that each week I try and give a little bit of history about the CD I'm reviewing, or any artist they are related to. You see, a lot of bands and artists have influenced and defined my life. When I was eight it was New Kids on the Block (well what were you listening to when you were eight? I thought so). Through my adolescence it was Jeff Buckley and Nirvana. Recently it has been the likes of Ryan Adams and The Strokes who have provided the sound-

track for my life. Well, SPIN magazine's head writer Marc Spitz was influenced profoundly by an eighties band and he wrote a book about it. And no, it's not about Flock of Seagulls.

The book is called How Soon is Never and it's the story of Joe Green, a Long Island teen growing up in the eighties who never quite fit in with the cool kids. Following his parents divorce, Joe discovers punk and he likes it. He wears black, shaves his head to piss off his mother and father and draws "anarchy" symbols all over his jeans. Then, at 14 years old, on the cusp of puberty, Joe quits punk, starts quiffing his hair, stops eating meat and starts worshipping

Oscar Wilde. Joe falls in love -- with the Smiths.

For those of you who don't know, the Smiths are one of the most important bands of the eighties (in my opinion, probably the most important band next to R.E.M.). Led by the charming and charismatic lead singer Morrissey and virtuoso guitarist Johnny Marr, the Smiths made it cool to be nice to girls, read poetry and collect flowers. Yes, they were a bunch of pansies. Yes, they were absolutely brilliant. No, you can't argue that.

But the Smiths break up in 1987 and Joe becomes lost. It doesn't help that Jennifer, his first girlfriend, also breaks up

with him at the same time. Nothing in his life seems worth it anymore.

Hit the fast forward button on Joe's life, stop at 30 and we find he's now a rock journalist, which he places on the same level as being in jail and/or dead. He gets to interview cool artists, but because he wasted his 20's on a cocktail of smack and Jack Daniels, the world of rock'n roll has left Joe bitter, lonely and constantly wondering what happened to his rock'n roll soul. Did it vanish like the cold war? Like the Regan era? Like the Smiths? How did he wake up one day and suddenly doubt the power of rock?

But all of a sudden Joe is



Courtesy Three Rivers Press

awakened. Awakened by a cute little mind reading secretary in his office named Miki. All of a sudden Joe is in love again; with life, with the Smiths and with Miki. That's when Miki and Joe

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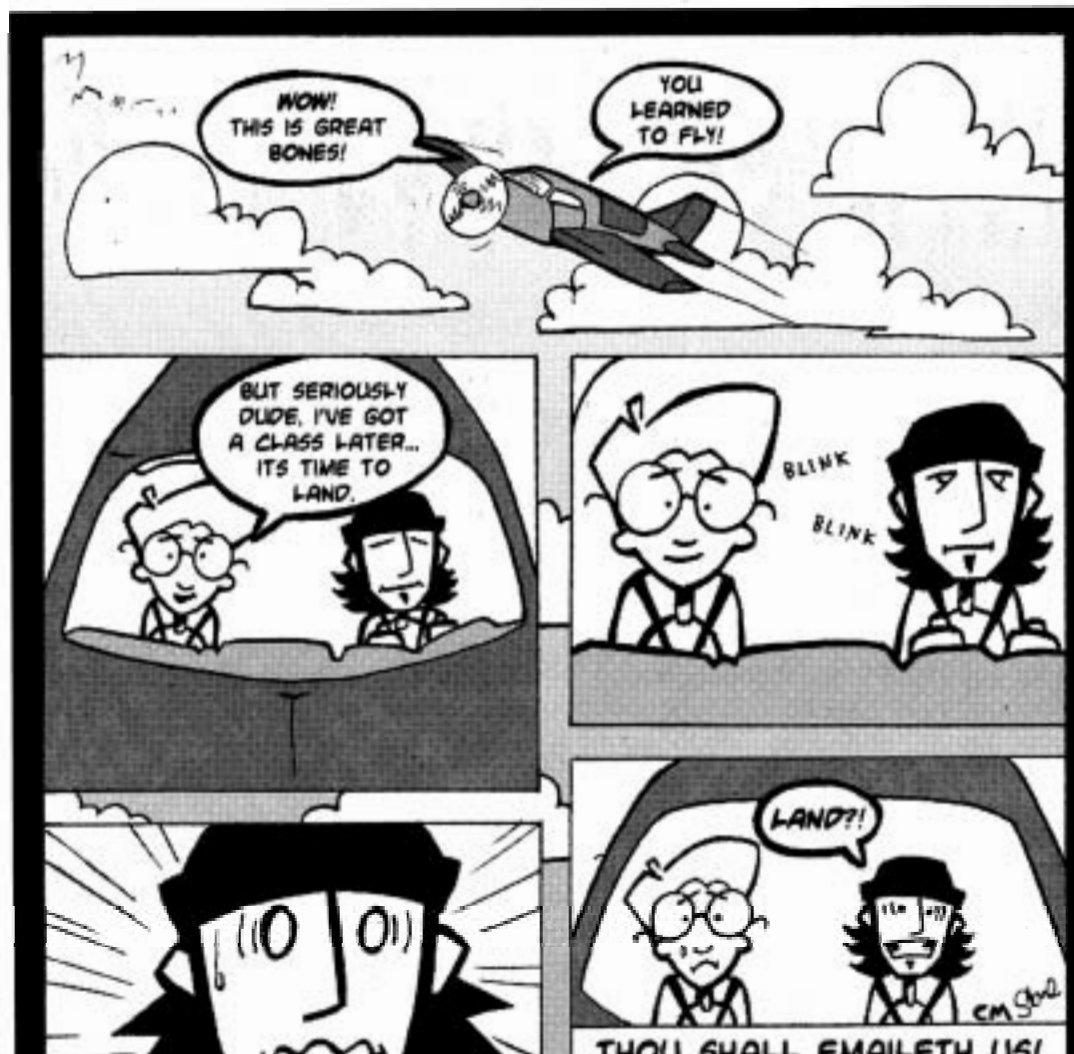
Pet 'N Zoo by Corey McDaniel



Beating Around the Bush

by Corey McDaniel & Bryan Stone

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seem to be behind me. The fact that everyone understood helped a lot."

His varying weight over the years was also "part of the struggles I went through," he says, adding: "I'm far away from the hellish parts of all that."

He still smokes, but is in great shap, though, contrary to reports, Aniston didn't act as his personal trainer.

"No, she offered to help me dress! I'm a T-shirt and jeans guy, and Jennifer wanted to help me be a better dresser. Not be my trainer, she's got better things to do!"

Born in Williamstown, Mass., Perry moved to Ottawa, Canada, as a kid, then got into acting after his first career choice, professional tennis, didn't pan out. He got roles in TV movies (he played Desi Arnaz Jr. in the Patty Duke biopic "Call Me Anna") and failed sitcoms, then was the last actor to be cast for "Friends" in

1994, which ended up with each cast member making \$1 million per episode.

"It was a bit like, 'Do we really deserve this?' But without sounding weird, everybody made so much money off the show, the producers, the network, why shouldn't we be a part of it?"

"It was as if the six of us were in a slingshot, shot into this craziness," he says. "We were thrust into public life, and we told intimate secrets about ourselves before we learned that we don't have to talk about our private life."

Since becoming famous, Perry's been linked with numerous actresses and starlets, though he says many reports were rumors. "Yes, some I dated. But most of the girls I was linked to, I never met."

Now, even though he's excited about his movie career, he still says wistfully he'd do "Friends" all over again. "Everybody loved each other so much that, if it was about just being with the cast, I'd be there for another ten years."

Attention

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and Kanye West -
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04/20/04 Lola Ray and
Sugar Ray -
Earthlink Live
Josh Groban - Fox
Theatre

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decide the world needs the Smiths again. And who better to reunite the most important band in their lives than themselves? With their quest decided upon, Joe and Miki set out to bring the four original members of the Smiths back together. What results is a lesson in how a band can influence your life and how when trying to find your soul, often the last place you look for is yourself.

How Soon is Never is the perfect book for anyone who has ever fallen in love with a band, anybody who listens to a song on the radio and is instantly transported to another time in their lives, and anybody who has ever stood in the disco and yelled "Hang the DJ!"

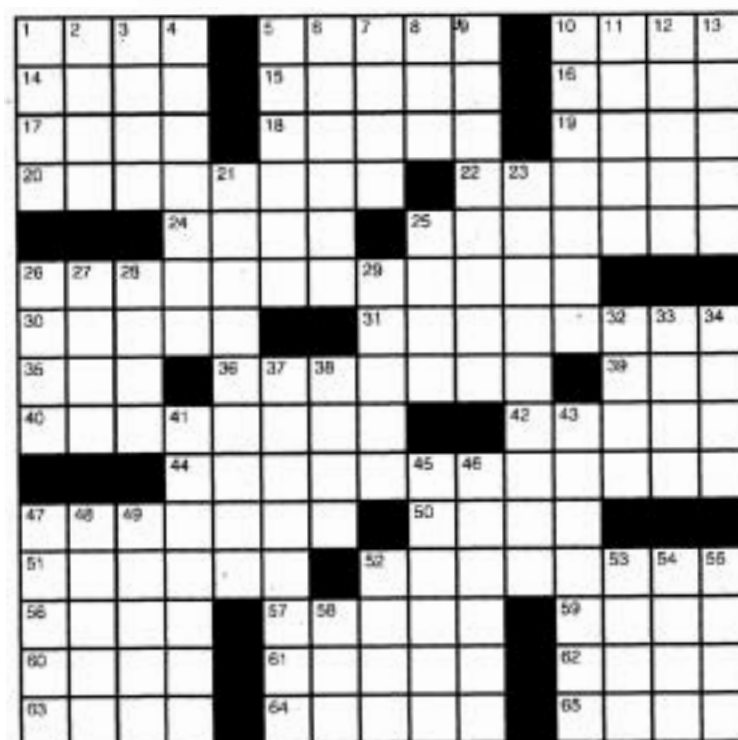
Viva Morrissey! Viva the Smiths! Viva Marc Spitz!



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 - 15 Disunite
 - 16 Concept
 - 17 Yin's counterpart
 - 18 Bart or Ringo
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 - 22 Renowned
 - 24 Neighborhood
 - 25 Go-between
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 - 31 ELO part
 - 35 Bring to a halt
 - 36 Weak-willed one
 - 39 NASA's ISS partner
 - 40 One named
 - 42 Tasman and Muzorewa
 - 44 Diamondbacks, e.g.
 - 47 Uncivilized people
 - 50 Sodium chloride
 - 51 More old hat
 - 52 Subtle moves
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 - 57 Reflection
 - 59 ____ breve
 - 60 Gangster's gal
 - 61 Standards
 - 62 Shed
 - 63 Make a devout request
 - 64 Like Gatsby?
 - 65 Salty seven

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 - 9 Female protagonists
 - 10 Arrau or Cliburn
 - 11 Farewell, Maria
 - 12 Slowly, to Ozawa
 - 13 Gone from the plate
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 - 23 Yeah, that's real likely!
 - 25 Caron film
 - 26 Took it on the lam
 - 27 Skye of "Say Anything..."
 - 28 Silent assents
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Sports

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Is the right story leading the newspapers this week?

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



If you don't know what I am talking about, it's the fight that occurred at Brother's, last Tuesday night. It has been hard for me to really find out anything about what has been going on, because none of the people who were involved with the fight want to talk to me. The only person who has, Jim Fuller, told his story, said he wasn't going to put up with this kind of behavior and that was the end of it.

So for me, three problems arise; first I have an incomplete story, second do people in athletics have it easier or harder, because of their position, and finally is this story really as big as other things the media as a whole should be covering.

As far as the incomplete story goes, I guess that is my fault. A lot of information has been flying around about this. Information that I can not substantiate. So rather than risk a libel case or completely deter one of my sources from ever telling me anything again, I will just have the facts. The story might also seem one-sided. Well, only one side would tell me the story. Sometimes that happens and there is nothing that I can do about it. I refuse to write second and third-hand information to satisfy a need-

Baseball splits over weekend

From staff reports

CHARLESTON, Ill. – With a runner on third and two outs, Eastern Illinois (10-18, 6-3 OVC) drew three straight walks culminating a 4-3 Ohio Valley Conference win over Jacksonville State (14-17, 6-3) Saturday afternoon and the Panthers won two of three to claim the series.

With the game tied at 3-3 in the bottom of the ninth inning, Mark Chagnon lined a 0-1 pitch into the left field gap off JSU closer Robby Goodson. Goodson then retired the next two batters after Chris Uhel grounded out and Kyle Haines flew out to deep center allowing Chagnon to move to third.

Ryan Campbell, who earlier hit a two-run homer and a RBI single, was intentionally walked. Kevin Carkeek then walked on four pitches to load

the bases. On ball four, the home plate umpire issued a warning to Goodson then eventually ejected JSU head coach Jim Case.

Pete Stone worked the count full before taking ball four high and his 21st RBI of the season gave the Panthers the win. Goodson, who picked up the save in game one of the series, walked only seven batters in 19 innings before the three game-deciding base on balls.

With EIU holding a 3-0 lead after six innings, Austin Stein and Scott Smith led off the seventh inning with singles. Jake Ball followed with a one-out home run over the left field fence to tie the game at 3-3.

Jax State put two on with two out in the eighth inning, but Chris Vaculik (2-1), who earned the win, was able to get Smith to fly out. Vaculik gave up two hits, walking one and striking out one.

Ball and Stein accounted for four of JSU's eight hits on the day.

Senior pitcher C.R. Plamer recorded six strikeouts, while Bobby Hicks and Austin Stein each went 2-for-3 to lead Jacksonville State (14-16, 6-2 OVC) to a 3-2 win over Eastern Illinois (9-18, 5-3) in the first game of an Ohio Valley Conference three-game series on Friday. EIU claimed a 9-5 win in the nightcap as the two teams split the double-header.

In the opener, Palmer (5-3) scattered seven hits over six innings to earn the win, while Kirk Miller (2-4) lasted 7 2/3 innings, allowing eight hits and issuing four walks to suffer the loss for the Panthers. Robby Goodson tossed a perfect ninth inning to record his fifth save of the season for the Gamecocks.

Jax State took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first after Stein record a RBI single to center-

field to score Hicks, who led off with a single to left field.

The Panthers tied the game in the first after Kevin Carkeek had a two-out RBI single and EIU took a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning after Pete Stone had a sacrifice fly.

The Gamecocks answered by plating a run in the fifth inning to tie the game after Stein had a two-out RBI double to right center field. Jax State then took the lead for good in the sixth inning after Jake Ball led off with a single and came around to score after Hicks singled up the middle.

In the second game, Carkeek hit his first collegiate home run and David Chacon went 3-for-4 to lead EIU to a 9-5 win.

SU's Bobby Wynns (3-4) lasted just 1 2/3 inning, giving up seven hits and six runs to suffer the loss. Meanwhile, Kyle Widegren (3-4) tossed a complete-game, recording six

strike-outs to earn the win for the Panthers.

Jax State took a 1-0 lead in the first thanks to Danny Civello's RBI single. Eastern evened the score when Chris Uhel led off with a double and later scored on a wild pitch to tie the game at 1-1.

JSU pushed the lead to 2-1 after Jason Horn hit his second homer of the season, a solo shot over the left center field wall. But, EIU scored five runs in the bottom of the second inning to take control of the game.

The Panthers added a run in the third and two in the fourth, while JSU managed a run in the fourth, sixth and seventh innings for the final margin.

Hicks finished 2-for-3 in the nightcap and Civello added a pair of hits. The two teams will play the rubber game of the three-game series on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Women's track and field takes highest showing of season

From staff reports

STARKVILLE, Miss. - The Jacksonville State University women's track and field team recorded its highest finish of the

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uation.

Fuller says that he felt it should be the school's position to quickly report what happened to the OVC and the NCAA and let them rule on the things he has no control over. Fuller thinks

this will not be a situation where the University will be put on probation.

"I think that because the situation involves athletics, when there becomes an issue and the longer the period of time that passes (that nothing is done about that situation), that nothing seems to (ever) be done,"

said Fuller.

"I am not like that, I want to act, I want to react, and I want to make sure what is fair to everyone," he said. "But I am not going to tolerate any action by our student athletes that is going to draw embarrassment and negative criticism to the University."

Mackay wins second golf

to write second and third-hand information to satisfy a need-to-know.

So, does being a football player make things easier or harder? Well we can argue both sides of that coin. Football players definitely have to work harder if they want good grades. Our players are in the weight room early and often and usually practice until 5 or 6 p.m. Plus watching game films and class work. I really don't see how these kids had time to go out to the bar. But anyway, they did and brought bad publicity to the university. But college kids do that all the time right? We read in the pages of the crime docket, who got pulled over for a DUI and who stole what from the book store. It is what a lot of students consider entertainment.

Would this have been on the front page of the Anniston Star had it been some apathetic Joe, who does nothing at the university but go to school? Heck no. Would anyone care if it was someone else? No. The sheer fact that they are on the football team makes them a worthy candidate upon the mess up to be plastered all across the news. Is that right? Should we invade someone's privacy like that? Yes, I am sorry, it is.

People have to take the good with the bad. If one of these guys had been amazing during a game they would want press. But when they do bad in their personal lives we shouldn't write about it. Sorry, as we say in the military, 'Suck it up and drive on.'

This is possibly, with the winning of the Ohio Valley Conference, the biggest sports story since Ashley Martin to come out of Jacksonville. But should it be? Or should the mismanagement of state education funds lead every headline that we have? Or maybe that the university is spending a heck of a lot of money on beautification, but our tuition hasn't come down since I have been here (1998). Shouldn't those stories be on the front page? They affect us more than some stupid fight at Brother's.

STARKVILLE, Miss. - The Jacksonville State University women's track and field team recorded its highest finish of the season with a third-place showing at the Jace LaCoste Invitational Saturday on the campus of Mississippi State University.

JSU's Andrea Arnaud took first place in the triple jump with a leap of 38 feet, five inches, smashing her own school record. Arnaud also contributed to the Jax State 4x100-meter relay team, which set a school record. The team, consisting of Arnaud, Eboni Matthews, Anna Armstrong and Bernice Ellis, finished second at the meet with a time of 47.33 seconds.

Ellis also broke her own school record in the 100-meter dash. Her 12.15-second performance earned a second-place finish on the day. Emily Hulse gave the Gamecocks a third school record for the day when she finished fifth in the 5,000-meter run in 19:57.93. Her old record was 20.08 seconds.

Other strong finishes for JSU on the day included Matthews in the 200 meters (third place, 25.23 seconds), Stephanie Jones in the 400 meters (fourth place, 58.09 seconds) and Amber Hardy in the 100-meter hurdles (fourth place, 15.30 seconds).

The 2004 women's outdoor track team has set a total of 17 school records this season. JSU head track and field coach Heath Dudley said the falling records is a result of dedication and consistent improvement.

"Just like in all the other meets, this team has shown it is consistently getting better," said Dudley. "The highlights of our day in Starkville was Andrea (Arnaud) not just smashing her own school record, but getting a win for us in the triple jump. The 4x100-meter team is also running better. Everyone on the team and coaching staff is staying focused right now and I am very proud."

JS will be in action next Saturday in Oxford, Miss., at the Ole Miss Invitational.

Softball gives up lead to UT-Martin

From staff reports

Jacksonville State's softball team took an early 2-0 advantage over Tennessee-Martin, but gave up the lead and the game, 6-3, Saturday at afternoon at University Field.

The Gamecocks started the game in the first inning with three hits including a two-run single to center field by senior Jessica Ford, but that would be all of the scoring JSU would do.

With the use of two pitchers and JSU committing two errors in the game the Skyhawks managed to score a run in the top of the third

and four additional runs in the fifth to seal the win.

Nicole Davis recorded the win for UTM, while the Gamecocks used three pitchers in the game. Breanne Oleman took the loss and fell to 7-4 on the year.

Davis, Kristen Runyan, Brandy Whalen and Sarah Daws led the Skyhawk offense with two hits each. For JSU, senior Rachel Countryman went 3-for-4 including a double, while Melinda McDonald, Megan Jezierski, Daniela Pappano and Samantha Gutierrez each recorded a single.

JSU fell to 26-17 and 5-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference, while UTM

Thursday, March 25, 2004 tournament of season

From staff reports

AUBURN - Senior Nick Mackay rallied to shoot a 3-under 69 to win medalist honors, while Jacksonville State finished second at the 17th annual Billy Hitchcock Intercollegiate at the par-72, 6,735-yard Saugahatchee Country Club on Sunday.

Mackay finished with rounds of 67, 73 and 69 to score a 7-under-par 209 to edge past Auburn's Jonathan Dismuke's total of 211. It marked the second tournament win for the New South Wales, Australia, native this season after winning a sudden death playoff to claim the Arkansas-Little Rock title last month.

Mackay and Dismuke were tied for the lead through 69 holes. Mackay, who was playing in the group directly in front of Dismuke, birdied the par-5 15th hole only to have Dismuke make birdie on the same hole. Mackay parred out while Dismuke bogeyed 16 and 17.

Jacksonville State, which held the lead after Friday's opening round and was third entering the final round, scored a team total of

288 to finish with a 54-hole total score of 864. Auburn claimed the team title after finishing the event with a score of 859.

Auburn finished five shots ahead of the Gamecocks and six shots ahead of third-place Memphis (290-865). Georgia State (286-868) placed fourth followed by Texas A&M (288-871), Florida State (290-873), Southeastern Louisiana (288-875), UAB (288-879), Ole Miss (295-879), South Alabama (297-891), College of Charleston (305-891) and Mississippi State (306-915).

Junior Matias Anslemo finished with a three-day total of 212 to tie for third place after shooting rounds of 68, 71 and 73. Chase Deck finished Sunday's round with an even-par 72 to tie for 30th place with a total score of 221.

Patricio Cozzoli carded a 74 in the final round to finish with a 225 to place 46th, while Bryan Rozier finished tied for 48th place with a 54-hole total of 227.

Jacksonville State returns to action at the Ohio Valley Conference Championships on April 25-27 at the Paducah Country Club in Paducah, Kentucky.

improved to 20-16 and 4-3 in the league.

Jacksonville State (26-15, 5-5) split a double-header with Ohio Valley Conference foe Tennessee-Martin Friday afternoon at University Field. The Gamecocks won the first game 10-2 in five innings and fell to the Skyhawks (19-16, 3-3), 8-6 in eight innings.

After taking an early 1-0 lead in the first inning of the first game, JSU scored seven runs in the second. Janae Bonin led off the inning with a double to center field to begin a series of hits by the Gamecocks and an error by UTM. Becky Carpenetti singled to record

a RBI, followed by a two run single to center field by Daniela Pappano. Rachel Countryman ended the scoring with a three-run home-run.

JSU gave up one run in each of the following innings, but answered each one to end the game early. Breanne Oleman recorded the win, while UTM's Kelly Swafford fell to 1-2 on the year.

Bonin went 3-for-3 for Jax State and Carpenetti was 2-for-3.

In game two, the Skyhawks held the Gamecocks hitless until the bottom of the seventh inning. With a 6-0 lead and homeruns by Angela Baize

and Sarah Daws, JSU scored six runs with two outs to send the game into extra innings.

In the top of the eighth inning, Jennifer Young hit a two-run homerun to win the game.

Allison Buckley was the winning pitcher for the Skyhawks and Oleman fell to 7-3 on the year for JSU.

In game two, JSU's seventh inning offense was led by Megan Jezierski and Pappano with a hit and two RBI each.

The three-game series continues Saturday at 12 noon.



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